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Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

A BILL

To authorize a five-year program of grants for construction of medical and dental educational and research facilities.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Medical and Dental Edu-
4 cational Facilities Construction Act of 1955".

5 SEC. 2. The Public Health Service Act, as amended, is
6 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
7 title:

1 "TITLE VII—MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCA-
2 TIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

3 "SEC. 701. The Congress hereby finds and declares
4 that—

5 " (a) the health, both physical and mental, of the
6 people of this country is of paramount concern to the
7 national welfare;

8 " (b) the medical schools are responsible for the
9 quality and number of physicians being educated today,
10 including those preparing for general practice and the
11 specialties, covering both physical and mental health,
12 and are also responsible for the number of teachers and
13 research workers through the education they provide for
14 graduate students in the basic medical sciences, in clin-
15 ical medicine, and in the other health sciences;

16 " (c) the dental schools are responsible for the
17 quality and number of dentists, dental hygienists and
18 qualified teachers and research workers in the dental
19 sciences;

20 " (d) the Nation, through the Federal Government,
21 industry, foundations, and the voluntary health agencies,
22 expects our medical and dental schools to conduct ur-
23 gently needed research which these various agencies
24 are sponsoring;

25 " (e) accordingly, the welfare and particularly the

1 growth and development of our medical and dental
2 schools are matters of national concern worthy of bi-
3 partisan support;

4 “(f) although tuition fees have been substantially
5 increased, the income from this source represents only
6 a small portion of the costs of medical education and
7 further increases in tuition fees would create a major
8 economic barrier to the study of medicine;

9 “(g) despite contributions of many of our citizens
10 and the development of funds and foundations to en-
11 courage the medical profession, individuals, and industry
12 to participate in financing the basic operating expenses
13 of our medical schools, such schools have not been able
14 to obtain the necessary capital funds required for urgently
15 needed alteration, modernization, and construction;

16 “(h) student fees and other sources of income for
17 schools offering training in dentistry are not sufficient
18 to permit maintenance of present capacity on a sound
19 basis and provide for the desirable modernization and
20 expansion in enrollment; and

21 “(i) it is, therefore, the policy of the Congress to
22 provide funds for construction of educational and re-
23 search facilities for our accredited public and nonprofit
24 schools of medicine and dentistry, thus insuring the con-
25 tinued production of an adequate number of properly

1 qualified and trained physicians and dentists, teachers,
2 and research scientists.

3 "DEFINITIONS

4 "SEC. 702. As used in this title—

5 "(a) The term 'construction' includes construction of
6 new buildings, and expansion, remodeling, and alteration
7 of existing buildings, including architect's fees in excess of
8 amounts granted under section 704 (a) (3), but excluding
9 the cost of off-site improvements and the cost of the acqui-
10 sition of land;

11 "(b) The term 'nonprofit' means owned and operated
12 by one or more nonprofit corporations or associations no
13 part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully
14 inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual;
15 and

16 "(c) The terms 'accredited medical school' and 'ac-
17 credited dental school' mean respectively a school providing
18 training leading to the degree of doctor of medicine, or lead-
19 ing to a degree of doctor of dental surgery or an equivalent
20 degree, approved or accredited by a recognized body or
21 bodies approved by the Surgeon General after he has ob-
22 tained the advice and recommendation of the Federal Council
23 on Medical and Dental Educational Facilities created under
24 section 703.

1 "COUNCIL ON MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATIONAL
2 FACILITIES

3 “SEC. 703. (a) There is hereby created a Federal
4 Council on Medical and Dental Educational Facilities (here-
5 inafter referred to as the ‘Council’) consisting of the Sur-
6 geon General, who shall serve as chairman ex officio, and
7 twelve members appointed without regard to the civil-service
8 laws by the Surgeon General with the approval of the
9 Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. Six of the
10 appointed members shall be selected from the general public
11 and six shall be selected from among leading medical, dental,
12 or scientific authorities who are skilled in the sciences related
13 to health.

14 “(b) The Council shall advise, consult with, and make
15 recommendations to, the Surgeon General in connection with
16 payments out of appropriations authorized by section 704
17 and on other matters relating to the administration of this
18 title.

19 “AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

20 “SEC. 704. (a) To enable the Surgeon General to make
21 grants upon the recommendation of the Council, to assist
22 in the establishment of new public or nonprofit schools of
23 medicine and dentistry and in the improvement and ex-

1 pansion of teaching and research facilities of existing ac-
2 credited public or nonprofit medical and dental schools to
3 carry out the purposes of section 701, there is hereby author-
4 ized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,
5 1956, and for each of the four succeeding fiscal years—

6 “(1) \$50,000,000 for grants to public and nonprofit
7 medical schools; and

8 “(2) \$10,000,000 for grants to public and non-
9 profit dental schools.

10 No such grant shall be in excess of 50 per centum of the
11 cost of construction with respect to which it is made, except
12 that—

13 “(1) where the school gives satisfactory assurances
14 that the freshman enrollment will be increased by 5 per
15 centum of the 1954–55 freshman enrollment, the grant
16 shall be made in an amount equal to $66\frac{2}{3}$ per centum
17 of the cost of construction;

18 “(2) in the case of new schools, grants may be
19 made, upon recommendation of the national accrediting
20 agencies, in an amount not to exceed $66\frac{2}{3}$ of the total
21 cost of construction; and

22 “(3) upon application of any school, a grant of
23 not to exceed \$25,000 may be made for the purpose of
24 preparing initial plans with estimates for the proposed
25 new construction.

1 “(b) No grant or grants shall be made to any one
 2 school in excess of \$3,000,000 for the total five-year pro-
 3 gram authorized in this section, exclusive of amounts granted
 4 under subsection (a) (3) of this section.

5 “(c) Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall
 6 remain available for the fiscal year in which appropriated
 7 and the two succeeding fiscal years.

8 “(d) Except as provided in subsection (a) (2) of this
 9 section, payments from appropriations under this section
 10 may be made only in the case of accredited medical or
 11 dental schools.

12 “APPLICATIONS BY SCHOOLS FOR GRANTS

13 “SEC. 705. Any new or existing public or nonprofit
 14 medical or dental school desiring a grant under this title may
 15 file an application therefor with the Surgeon General for the
 16 fiscal year in which such grant is desired. Such application
 17 shall contain such information as the Surgeon General may
 18 by regulation prescribe and shall contain adequate assur-
 19 ances that the school will be operated as a public or nonprofit
 20 institution, and comply with all provisions of this title and
 21 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

22 “GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION

23 “SEC. 706. (a) The Surgeon General, in accordance
 24 with regulations, and upon the recommendation of the
 25 Council, shall determine from time to time the amount to be

1 paid to each school from appropriations under section 704
2 and shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury the amounts
3 so determined. Upon receipt of any such certification, the
4 Secretary of the Treasury shall, prior to audit or settlement
5 by the General Accounting Office, pay in accordance with
6 such certification.

7 “(b) Not to exceed 20 per centum of the amount of
8 any grant for new construction may, at the discretion of
9 the applicant, be allocated to permanent endowment for
10 the cost of maintenance of the new facility.

11 “REGULATIONS

12 “SEC. 707. All regulations under this title with respect
13 to payments to medical or dental schools shall be made only
14 after obtaining the advice and recommendation of the
15 Council.

16 “GENERAL PROVISIONS

17 “SEC. 708. Nothing in this title shall be construed as
18 authorizing any department, agency, officer, or employee of
19 the United States to exercise any control over, or prescribe
20 any requirements with respect to, the curriculum or admin-
21 istration of any medical or dental school, or the admission
22 of applicants thereto.”

1 TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO ACT OF JULY 1, 1944

2 SEC. 3. The Act of July 1, 1944 (58 Stat. 682), as
3 amended, is hereby further amended by changing the num-
4 ber of title VII to title VIII and by changing the numbers
5 of sections 701 to 714, inclusive, and references thereto, to
6 sections 801 to 814, respectively.